

private organization that helped build 3 miles of border wall along the Rio Grande river, a place where construction is difficult due to the great potential for erosion.

So how do our corrupt elites treat this hero? They respond like they did to the many peaceful protesters on January 6, to the pro-life protesters facing over 10 years for trying to save the unborn, or to anyone who disagrees with their globalist, America-last agenda. They persecute them; they make their lives a living hell; they ruin them.

As our ruling elites were not happy that the illegal hordes could not continue to stream across the border, they activated their deep-state machinery and sent their secret police to arrest Airman Kolfage. Fifteen Federal law enforcement goons dragged him out of his house without a wheelchair, subjecting him to utter humiliation and pain in front of his family. No thought whatsoever was given to his disabled status. And in prison, the VA refused him pain medications, without which he suffers unbearable pain.

Mr. Kolfage had worked tirelessly, 12 hours a day, for several years to get this 3-mile section of wall built. He ran and operated the organization that got it done. For taking a salary, the Federal Government arrested him, saying he had no right to get paid anything because his website said any money raised would go to build the wall. In my view, he was part of getting the wall built. There was nothing wrong with him getting a salary and saying the money would be used to build the wall. Without him, it would not have been complete, and no real American would object to a man getting paid to devote himself to a selfless project like this one and succeeding.

Airman Kolfage was just intimidated into taking a plea deal by our third-world, kangaroo-court judicial system. This veteran and activist should be celebrated as a hero in so many ways. Instead, he will rot in a Federal prison. A greater injustice is hard to imagine. To his wife, Ashley, and two children, my heart goes out to them. I am praying for them all. Please know that I will continue to fight against the injustice done to her husband.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this month.

Founded in 1922 by Reverends Jake Howard, R. Thomas, and M. Boyd, Pilgrim Rest has been serving the Phoenix community ever since. In addition to its well over twenty ministries, Pilgrim Rest offers a wide range of human services that assist not only their congregation, but any in the community who are in need. These services include family support, employment assistance, a monthly food bank, and much more. As the church has grown, Pilgrim Rest has expanded its sanctuary, built the Word Center to house classrooms and the Family Services Resource Center, and opened the Wellness Center to care for the physical body as well as the soul.

Since 2018, Pilgrim Rest has been under the able leadership of Pastor Terry E. Mackey, who has continued to develop Pilgrim Rest and the community it serves. Pilgrim Rest's mission is to be, "like a city that sits upon a hill; a beacon of hope for all." They have been spreading that hope for the last 100 years, and I look forward to seeing all they will do next.

I would like to again congratulate Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on 100 years of faith and service.

HONORING THE TYLER JUNIOR
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM 2021-2022 NJCAA DIVISION 1
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NA-
TIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Tyler Junior College Lady Apaches on an outstanding basketball season in which they captured the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Women's National Championship title.

Throughout the 2021-2022 season, the Lady Apaches developed a reputation with one of the top offenses in the country, averaging 78.8 points per game, making it apparent that the Lady Apaches were a force with which to be reckoned. Entering the NJCAA tournament with a season record of 23-8 and as the No. 17 seed, the Lady Apaches were underdogs in each of their five games in the tournament. However, they demonstrated their hard work and determination to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Lady Apaches demonstrated incredible focus and skill to clinch the National Championship over the Georgia Highlands Lady Chargers with a final score of 92-80. It is an esteemed honor to pay tribute to the team members and coaches of the 2021-2022 NJCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball National Champions: Veonce Powell (No. 1), Nassarine William (No. 3), Tia Morgan (No. 4), Nadechka Laccen (No. 5), Emari Sidney (No. 10), Shadiya Thomas (No. 12), Brianna Garrett (No. 13), Trinittee Alexander (No. 20), Taryn Wills (No. 21), Jasmine Payne (No. 22), Deborah Ogayemi (No. 23), Daijah Torns (No. 24), Head Coach Trenia Tillis-Hoard, Assistant Coach Chelsea Hudson, Assistant Coach Brianna Brooks, Student Assistant Coach Brynn Sultz, and Manager Keaira Grant.

This tribute goes out to all of the amazing athletic staff and support staff at Tyler Junior College including the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Kevin Vest; Assistant Athletic Director Kelsi Weeks; Associate Athletic Director Chuck Smith; Administrative Assistant Jordan Jones; Head Athletic Trainer Eddy McGuire; Assistant Athletic Trainer Victoria Morris; Student Trainer Paige Arkfeld; Student Trainer Haven Bengi; Registrar Records/State Reports Coordinator Denny Yarbrough; Enrollment Support Services Specialist Erica Thurman, and all other personnel that contributed to this amazing championship season.

An athletic team cannot achieve any true level of excellence without unwavering support

from its school leaders including President Dr. Juan E. Mejia; Provost Dr. Deana Sheppard; and Associate Vice Provost of Student Affairs Dr. Tim Drain. That is exactly the kind of support the Lady Apaches experienced from the entire community of Tyler and Smith County. That is why congratulations go to all the outstanding family, friends, and fans who contributed to the success of the Lady Apaches during this championship season.

The accomplishment of Deborah Ogayemi (forward) should be of particular note, who averaged 17 rebounds a game during the tournament and was voted the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Joining her on the All-Tournament Team were teammates Shadiya Thomas (guard) and Taryn Wills (guard). Head Coach Trenia Tillis-Hoard is to be congratulated for receiving the Coach of the Tournament award.

This is not just a feat for the basketball team but for the entire college. This represents the 67th national championship in the school's history as a NJCAA Division 1 contender. Furthermore, the Lady Apaches were in the national tournament for the fifth time in six years and in the national championship game for the third time ever. This will be the first National Championship the Lady Apaches have won since their only other championship win in 2000. This speaks highly of the hard work and dedication of the men and women and the excellent coaching staff at Tyler Junior College.

It is with great pride that I join with all of east Texas in congratulating the Lady Apaches basketball team on their NJCAA Division 1 National Championship. May God continue to bless these consummate first-class competitors, along with their families, friends, and neighbors in east Texas. This outstanding accomplishment is now preserved, which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

HONORING LARK TOYS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2-5, 2022, and to thank the entire Lark Toys family, Kathy and Ron Gray and Miranda and Scott Gray-Burlingame. Their dedication to their community in Kellogg is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Lark Toys has proven that small, family-owned and operated businesses can rise to national prominence. Miranda and the staff at Lark Toys combine a multitude of skills to bring happiness to children and families throughout the Second Congressional District and beyond.

Small businesses like Lark Toys are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Miranda is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for her expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.